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Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams, left, listens to a question during a Thursday news conference concerning the investigation into the stabbing and sexual assault of a Big Spring woman. At right is BSPD Lt. Brian Gordon.

Reward boosted

Crime Stoppers offering \$20,000 for info in attack of elderly woman July 17

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials say local residents are putting their money where their outrage is. Spurred by donations from residents and area businesses, Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams announced Thursday a reward approaching \$20,000 for anyone providing information leading to the arrest and indictment of the man who viciously attacked and sexually assaulted an 85-year-old woman in Big Spring July 17.

"A large cross-section of Big Spring and Howard
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Seliger: Stick with education reforms

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) says let's stick with the educational reforms encompassed with House Bill 5. "The general response around the district is very positive, and it is easy to understand because it's an educator's bill," Seliger said. "The original bill I introduced essentially came from educators. I represent 82 school districts. All my public education stuff, I send to them before I introduce or shortly thereafter. I don't go to committee or the floor without educators weighing in. I have a lot of good ideas but some of them are not workable. Some of them can be improved upon, so I asked the people who are experts who are more than eager to

work with me on that stuff. So overwhelmingly, it's been positive." Accountability will have to continue to be a part of the system, Seliger emphasized, and right now the most efficient way for that is testing. "My impression is that we've had so many iterations of our accountability system we ought to sit and watch now," he said. "We've only administrated STARR one time under the new changes which reduced the 15 to 5 (accountability tests needed for graduation) which has to be positive. We ought to let it see what we've got before changes begin. As far as the basic framework of HB5, let us stick with what we've got right now." House Bill 5 (HB 5) was passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature. Among the changes to the Texas educa-

tional system was reducing the number of accountability tests students need to pass to receive a high school diploma from 15 to 5 end of course tests. That change in reduction came from a senate bill sponsored by Seliger. Another change was the introduction of a new high school graduation plan which consist of a foundation plan of 22 credits for every Texas student and five endorsements from which student may choose, depending on their interests. Students may choose one of the following endorsement plans: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math); Business and Industry; Arts and Humanities; Public Services; or Multi-Disciplinary Stud-



State Sen. Kel Seliger

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Non-profit serving churches serving immigrants

By RONALD W. ERDRICH
 Abilene Reporter-News

MCALLEN, Texas — When the truck lurched, Danny Sims knew it wasn't good. In the rearview mirror he could see pieces from one his trailer's tires flying into the air. The car behind him swerved to avoid the trailer's fender, taken out by the blown tire. The spiraling piece of tin mashed itself against an eighteen-wheeler's grill farther back. It was the first of two tires he would lose that night. Sims pulled over. The trailer's side, painted with the Global Samaritan Resources logo, was now also marked with black streaks. Sims is the executive direc-

tor for Global Samaritan Resources. The trailer he was towing carried a full load of cots, used clothing and baby supplies, all of it bound for the Harvey Drive Church of Christ in McAllen. Their final use would be determined by faith-based groups responding to the recent surge of Central Americans crossing the U.S.-Mexican border illegally. Despite the delay, there were still people at Harvey Drive waiting to greet Sims' group hours later. More than 20 people began stacking the cargo inside a backroom of the church's activity center. Later, Sims' group set up cots in another room, reserved for a Boy Scout troop, and bedded down for the night.

Over breakfast the next morning, Abel Alvarez, the church's minister, described the effect of the increase of immigrants crossing the border. "I think three years ago, the (annual) numbers were 17,000 to 20,000," he told the Abilene Reporter-News. "Right now they've processed over 50,000, and we're expecting maybe another 90,000 by the end of the year." All that just since Oct. 1, 2013. "It's mind-boggling," Alvarez said. Most are women traveling with their children, but other children of varying ages are traveling solo. All of them come from the so-called Northern Triangle of Hondu-

ras, Guatemala and El Salvador. "It's mostly Honduras. We haven't had anybody from Mexico," said Leticia Benavides, who oversees the project operations for Sacred Heart Catholic Church's immigration assistance center. She said the church became involved in early June. "We estimated about 200 people every day for that first week," said Benavides. Twice-daily buses filled with families released by the U.S. Border Patrol are dropped off at the church. But where the unaccompanied immigrant children are taken, no one seemed to know. Alvarez said not having

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Obituaries

Janice Cearley



Janice Cearley, 69, of Big Spring, died Tuesday in San Antonio. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Grave-side services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Bill Ivins officiating.

Janice was born July 22, 1945, in Big Spring to Florine "Pete" and W. A. Cobb. She married Jim Cearley on Sept. 28, 1963, in Big Spring.

Janice was a homemaker. For many years, she was choir mother at First United Methodist Church, and also for many years she was homeroom mother. She collected sea shells and copper. She loved cooking, canning and teaching cooking. But most of all she loved family gatherings.

Janice is survived by her husband, Jim Cearley of Big Spring; one son, Jimmy Cearley and his wife

Terri of Cibolo; one daughter, Vicki Matthews and her husband Craig of Cibolo; five grandchildren, K'Leigh Moore and her husband Brad of Port Neches, Cody Cearley and his fiancée Cheyene Colombe of New Braunfels, and Conner Cearley, Grace Matthews and Autumn Mathews, all of Cibolo; four brothers, Alf Cobb and his wife Claudia of Owasso, Okla., Ken Cobb and his wife Shirlye of Big Spring, Doug Walker and his wife Sharla of Damon, and Jody Dawdy of Big Spring; one sister, Donna Laster and her husband Bill of Seguin; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Martha Henry.

Those serving as pallbearers are Doug Walker, Jody Dawdy, Kenny Cobb, Michael Cobb, David Cobb, Brant Laster, Jason Laster and Tracey Cearley.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Lizzie Mae Turnipseed



Lizzie Mae Turnipseed, 92, of Big Spring, died Thursday July 24, 2014, at Stanton Nursing Center in Stanton. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday in Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 9, 1922, to Mary Kate and Clarence Thompson in Atlanta, Ga. She married Lloyd M. Turnipseed on May 16,

1939, in Atlanta. She came to Big Spring in 1941.

She was a self-employed housekeeper, a long time member of Mount Bethel Baptist Church and a member of Ada Bell Dement Civic Art Club.

She is survived by five grandchildren; and a number of great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Esther B. Wright.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Severo M. Montes

Severo M. Montes, 60, of Big Spring, died Thursday at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

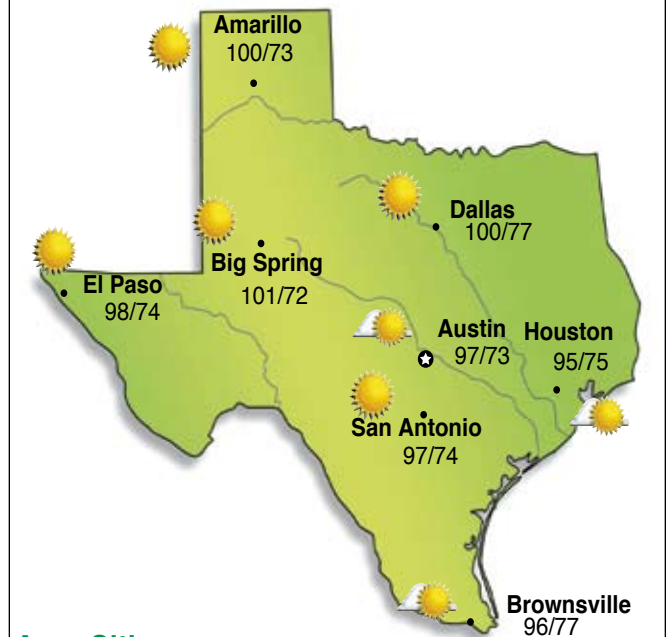
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 7/26	Sun 7/27	Mon 7/28	Tue 7/29	Wed 7/30
101/72	101/74	100/74	96/74	93/73
A mainly sunny sky. Hot. High 101F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	Abundant sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	Sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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Brownsville	96	77	mst sunny	Lufkin	95	73	sunny
Brownwood	99	72	sunny	Midland	99	73	sunny
Corpus Christi	93	79	sunny	Raymondville	99	78	sunny
Corsicana	99	75	mst sunny	Rosenberg	95	74	mst sunny
Dallas	100	77	sunny	San Antonio	97	74	sunny
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Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 39, of 2630 Langley, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- JEFFERY RAY MEEKS, 24, of 3413 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces and possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams.
- STEVEN VALENCIA GAMBOA, 30, of 506 N. Nolan, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass - property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- KEITH LEE BAIZE, 45, of 3301 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELIZABETH ANN LOCKHART, 40, of 1504 S. Main, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- ANDREW JOHN ROSENBERG, 43, of 1504 S. Main, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- MARTY LEE RICHTER, 28, of 120 Moore Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- MARY BECKY GONZALES, 46, of 4310 Ave. S., Lubbock, Texas, was arrested Thursday

- on warrants for driving while license invalid, expired registration, bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only - two counts.
 - DAVID WAYNE OBRIEN, 35, of 5807 Walter Rd., was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct noise.
 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1100 block of Mt. Vernon.
 - SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 400 block of Austin and the 5800 block of Walter Rd.
 - BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 2500 block of N. Highway 87 and the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
 - THEFT was reported at the 1300 block of E. Airpark Dr., 1300 Barnes Ave.
 - DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 2500 block of Carol and the 1500 block of Main.
 - DISTURBANCE was reported at the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
 - MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 11th Pl. and Goliad.
- The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:
- Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 at the time of this report.
- JEFFERY RAY MEEKS was

- booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
 - MARY BECKY GONZALEZ was booked by HCSO on warrants for driving while license invalid, display expired registration and two counts of failure to appear.
 - STEVEN VALENCIA GAMBOA was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
 - JOHN LYNCH was booked by Glasscock County Sheriffs Office on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
 - KEITH LEE BAIZE was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - ANDREW JOHN ROSENBERG was booked by BSPD on a warrant for sale of alcohol to a minor.
 - ELIZABETH LOCKHART was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault - family violence.
 - DAVID WAYNE O'BRIEN was booked by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct (unreasonable noise).
- The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:
- Thursday:
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of Veterans Blvd.

Support Groups

- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
 - Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. Call 517-4922 or 935-6306.
 - Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center.

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ies. This change only impacts students heading into the ninth grade this fall, although students in high school can opt into the new requirements or continue to graduate on the plan they are currently on with no changes. School districts have had some leeway in creating and implementing these plans.

Seliger was appointed Friday, July 18, to serve as co-chair of the Joint Interim Committee to Study Education for a Skilled Workforce. The committee will study public school career and technology education (CTE) programs—in particular how CTE programs can better align with those offered in Texas colleges and with

the needs of Texas employers.

The pendulum seems to be falling back in favor of CTE in high school after years of de-emphasizing such programs. Area school district seem to be ramping up these programs which allow students to develop certain technology and trade skills to make them marketable in the workforce after high school graduation.

However, finding funding for some of these neglected programs for some area school districts can be challenging. Some area school districts, who are considered property rich districts, have expressed a desire to gain leeway to see local funds normally marked to be sent back to the state funding system for redistribution instead to stay in the community.

Those funds would then be used to create co-ops with other districts to help defray costs of some of the more expensive CTE program.

Seliger said the law does not allow for that at this time.

When asked if he thought this could change, he answered, "I would like to think so. The people who are donors, who are the wealthy districts, have been bridled under this for a long time and don't want to give up their own money, but it would cost the last time I looked it up \$4 to \$5 billion dollars to do away with Robin-Hood to completely equalize the system and that money is not there."

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or 263-7331, ext 234.

REWARD

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County have teamed up with Crime Stoppers to send a clear message," Williams said at a Thursday news conference at the county law enforcement center. "That message is that this community will not tolerate the heinous acts that were committed on the morning of July 17, and they are willing to pay a substantial reward to see the suspect brought to justice."

The woman, who has not been identified, is in critical condition in Odessa Medical Center after being kidnapped from her home, stabbed almost 10 times and raped before being left for dead on Radio Tower Road early in the morning of July 17.

The Texas Rangers are

assisting BSPD with the investigation, Williams said.

"These senseless and sick acts have sent a wave of fear throughout the community, and especially the elderly citizens of Howard County," Williams said. "The person responsible for these crimes needs to be located and taken into custody as soon as possible."

Williams said he is hopeful the reward money offered through Crime Stoppers will help lead law enforcement to the suspect.

"The Big Spring Police Department is confident there is someone in this community who has information about the suspect and his whereabouts and, based on their tip, an arrest can be made very soon," he said.

Evidence collected

from the scenes of the crimes offer "the best hope" in identifying a suspect, the chief said. That evidence is currently being processed and sent for DNA analysis, a process that could take several weeks.

"Unfortunately, this is a very time-consuming process," Williams said. "Therefore, we are asking for the public's help ... We want to encourage anyone with information to call. Any bit of information could snowball and lead us to this suspect."

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact Howard County Crime Stoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477). Persons can also call Odessa Crime Stoppers' 24-hour answering service at 432-333-TIPS or leave a secure web tip by going to odessacrimestoppers.org.

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access to those children is becoming an issue with the faith community.

"They need pastoral care and we're asking to be let in," he said, adding they've so far had no luck.

At Sacred Heart, workers gather immigrants' information in case family members call looking for them. Then, the workers see to the immigrants' needs.

"They're fed, we provide them clean clothes, offer them a shower and have volunteer doctors who see them for minor things," said Benavides.

The church is two blocks from the bus station. Immigrants used to collect there, their tickets paid by family members, until overcrowding forced them out. That's when volunteers started taking them into their homes, and then Sacred Heart.

"We had a lady here from the center, we called her El Angel, because at one time she had nine families at her house," said Benavides.

Immigrants may only stay a few hours until they catch a bus to wherever they planned to travel. Those arriving later in the day spend the night, sleeping on cots in air-conditioned tents

behind the church.

While Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley is running the operation, all faiths are welcome to work in it. Alvarez has someone from his church there and several others are being trained.

"It's amazing, one of the highlights of this whole operation is the way we collaborate," Benavides said.

To pay for passage to the U.S., families raise money any way they can, including borrowing money from relatives or going into debt by arranging payment plans with guides who take immigrants part of the way to the border.

Climbing atop the infamous freight train known as La Bestia — The Beast — has been the most notorious way for immigrants crossing Mexico to the American border.

It's also known as The Death Train because so many have been maimed or killed boarding it. The train normally doesn't stop for the immigrants; those people must jump on a moving train.

On July 10, La Bestia derailed in the state of Oaxaca, stranding 1,300 immigrants. Heavy rain and overloading was blamed; it was the third immigrant train derailment in southern Mexico in a month.

Mexican authorities a few days later ruled,

in the interest of safety, they were going to prohibit people from riding the trains. It may explain the lower immigrant numbers last week, Benavides said.

Immigration is a sore subject in America. Some label immigrants entering the country without documents as criminals, while others point to Emily Lazarus' 1883 poem inscribed under the Statue of Liberty welcoming "the homeless, tempest-tost (sic)."

But like any political problem, this one has many layers. The most visible, people crossing the border, is only the most obvious.

"The drug cartels have been able to collapse any kind of rule of law," Alvarez said. He pointed to the valley's bordering state of Tamaulipas and the Mexican government's ineffectiveness there.

"They don't run that state, the cartel does," he said. "So how can I fault some little country in Central America, who doesn't have 10 cents to rub together?"

Earlier this month, the commander for U.S. Southern Command, Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly, wrote in a column for Military Times that

Northern Triangle drug cartels "have left near-broken societies in their wake." Money fueling the violence, he says, comes directly from the U.S. illicit drug trade.

Kelly cited U.N. statistics labeling Honduras as the world's most violent nation, with a rate of 90 murders for every 100,000 people. By contrast, recognized war zones, such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2012, rated 28 murders per 100,000.

"I know that the stories that we hear over and over again is, 'We're fleeing the violence,'" Benavides said. "We hear, 'Our neighbor's child was kidnapped, he was just 7 and was killed.'"

Alvarez echoed the same stories.

"Families are saying, 'Let's send whoever we can and get out of here,'" he said. He called it a humanitarian crisis with parents wanting their children to have a better life.

"Not a better life," he amended. "Just life."

But calling them refugees has not been

welcomed. Alvarez has heard it from all quarters.

"Hey, we have laws for a reason, these people ought to go back," goes the argument.

"That resonates with me," he said. "But if I lived in a situation where I thought my kids were going to get murdered on the street, I'd do whatever I could to get them out of there."

He cited the chapter of Leviticus in the Bible as a guiding light.

"The last section is about being a good neighbor to the people around you," he said.

From his organization's perspective, Sims of Global Samaritan Resources said they operate outside politics.

"I still have so many questions, it's hard for me to be fully onboard with what's going on at the border," he said. "So I'm working to set those aside, to remain focused on the basic needs of those moms and their children, because that's in our reach."

Sims said his primary reason for coming to

McAllen was to assess the situation and see where GSR could help. Bringing supplies was a bonus.

"Now I've got real contacts, I can say I've been there, and I know what to expect," he said. "I would feel really good about organizing a team to go and help, which they clearly need."

But how can Abileneans look past the politics of the situation? Alvarez had to confront that, too. He counts both Republicans and Democrats in his small church.

"And the Republicans, man, they're just ticked off at Obama," he said.

So Alvarez offered them an analogy.

"I wear a lot of hats — father, husband, board member," he said. "But that Christian hat? That sucker stays on the whole time."

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us keep smiles on our faces, oh Lord,
and You in our hearts.

Amen

The guitar case over in the corner

There was an old, soft vinyl guitar case that sat over in the corner of my father-in-law's house for as long as anyone could remember. It was covered with a telling amount of dust and cobwebs and the once vibrant brass hinges were now stained with tobacco residue.

Two feet away from the guitar case rested my father-in-law, Bruce, in a Hospice hospital bed. An 18-month battle against cancer was simply too much for even this Viet-

nam veteran to endure. There were a multitude of pumps pushing oxygen and electronic medical boxes beeping; the sounds were leading up to the crescendo that was to be his final day here on Earth.

It was the Fourth of July, and everybody was weeping.

During a visit shortly after Bruce's diagnosis last year, my curiosity about the guitar case got the better of me. Without his knowledge, I secretly took the acoustic guitar out of the case. I retreated to the back of his house where nobody could either find or hear me. I squatted down on the sun-faded steps of his wooden-planked deck and inspected the guitar carefully.

The strings were old and dramatically out of tune. The rosewood fingerboard revealed the stringed instrument had only rarely been played in any capacity. The spruce and mahogany were dull and caked in decades

of neglect. A strange, ancient musk emanated from the sound hole.

I tried my best to spot tune the acoustic guitar and to my surprise the aged strings didn't break. So I began playing as warm tears rolled down my cheeks, and gazed off into a nearby field.

I am incredibly bashful about my instrument playing, and very rarely does someone manage to sneak up on me while doing so.

That's when my wife, Christine, along with Bruce, walked out onto the deck. They pulled up two chairs and sat down without saying a word. I figured the situation called for a little music, and so I played, embarrassed and encouraged.

I played nothing in particular, just melodies and softly strummed chords — just anything.

In that moment it didn't really matter what was played.

We sat there for 10 minutes like that. Not even a word was whispered.

The funny thing is, up until now I practically forgot about that. Yet now in retrospect that memory is incredibly powerful, meaningful and beautiful.

People die.

Memories don't.

The hardest part about all of this is my wife. I don't like watching her cry without trying to solve the root of the problem. There is nothing I can do except to be there for her, to support her and to be her rock.

But alas, stoicism has never been one of my strong suits. I have done my best. I have tried

my hardest.

In fact, because of that constant support for her, I have hardly had a chance to grieve properly myself — until this moment when I started writing about the old guitar case over in the corner.

The guitar case. I bet you thought I forgot all about that, but you couldn't be further from the truth.

Bruce had little in the way of material possessions. When his three daughters went through and cleaned out everything in his house, it took them only two days.

Christine called me that day and asked if there was anything I wanted from her dad's house. I told her to get me some memento that I could remember her father by for the rest of our lives.

When Christine came home that night she had the guitar with her. She said her dad would have wanted me to have it.

With a little bit of Lysol and lemon oil, along with a new set of strings, Bruce's guitar was as good as new the next day.

And now, every time I play that guitar, and Christine hears me playing it, we will smile and be reminded of her father with every note, every chord and every song.

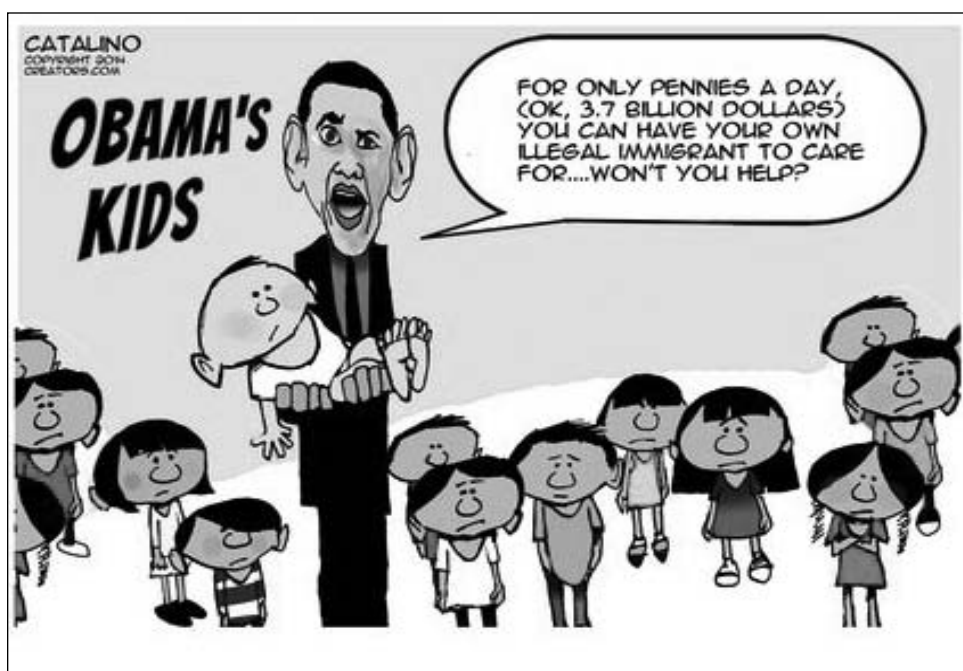
It won't bring him back, but I like to think it's a great way to keep his memory alive. Because even though people die, the memories never will.

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A matter of false equivalence

The "crossfire" mentality that defines public discourse today has the obvious problem of ignoring the fact that most of us land somewhere in the middle, turning every debate into a shouting contest between the extremists who generate passion and ratings, and rarely reflecting the views of the majority in the middle. I've been saying for years that it might be just as entertaining, and certainly more productive, to see where ideological opposites find common ground. But until someone actually attempts it, we will keep spiraling down into extremism and incivility.

That, in my mind, is bad. What's worse is that our crossfire, right and left, mentality can create a sense of equivalence when there is no basis for it.

Survivors and deniers do not belong on the same platform.

Evolution is not debatable.

Israel and Hamas do not stand in the same shoes.

Poor Israel. Until the past day or two, the death toll scoreboard so widely reported in the media was running so lopsidedly in Israel's "favor" that Israel was being chastised because too few of its soldiers and civilians had died. But that is not for want of trying.

Hamas has launched thou-

sands of rockets into Israel, one so close to Ben Gurion airport that American airlines were banned from flying there. Israel is being punished for investing in shelters (where families are literally living) and building a sophisticated missile defense system — in other words, for protecting its people. Hamas uses children and families as human shields for terrorists.

Israel gets cast in the eyes of the world as an aggressor, but this is not about conquering foreign land. Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005. This war is about finding and destroying the tunnels that were built to smuggle terrorists and weapons into Israel — more of them than anyone expected and some of them clearly built to target Israeli communities.

Israel is seeking to defend itself, seeking to stop the rockets and attacks. Hamas is seeking to destroy Israel, and they are willing to sacrifice their own wives and children to do it.

So how did Israel become the aggressor?

The murder of three Israeli teenagers was followed by the murder of a Palestinian teen. Equivalent? No. The Israelis suspected of murdering the Palestinian boy have been arrested and charged with terrorism. The Palestinians responsible for the death of the Israelis? If they ever are identified, it doubtless would be to celebrate them.

There are real human beings suffering on both sides. The fact that a father would use his

child as a human hostage hardly means that the child deserves to die. If a ceasefire could be negotiated, if the tunnels can be shut down, if an international body can disarm Hamas, the people of Gaza would be infinitely better off. They might be able to share in the economic growth and energy of the Israeli economy, instead of living in dire poverty. Their children could sleep safely at night, instead of worrying about whether their homes will be targeted and whether their parents will protect them.

Israel wants peace. Gaza desperately needs it. And yet its leaders prefer to fight Israel, to send rockets that mostly miss, to expose their children to missiles that mostly don't miss — rather than recognize Israel and make peace.

And Israel is to blame for that?

A friend forwarded an email to me from a relative in Israel, a wise and thoughtful email, not from a "hawk" or a "hardliner," but from a man who is living with sirens in the background and wondering how it is that the world press could be painting Israel as the villain in this fight.

It is a troubling question. I don't like any of the answers. Maybe it's just the crossfire culture. Or maybe it's because it's Israel.

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Church News

Forsan Baptist Church

Saturday, we will be hosting a community-wide block party and movie night. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon and homemade ice cream. There will be games for all ages including washers, horseshoes, and jumpers for the kids. At dark we will start the movie "God's Not Dead."

This Sunday morning we will have the privilege of licensing Tommy Thompson for the Gospel ministry. He will deliver the message that morning and will be presented with a ministerial license immediately following.

On Wednesday evenings we are studying the Book of Genesis, and on Tuesday evenings we are doing a Bible study about how to study the Bible. This will be a weekly evening study which will continue through the first week of August. The study will focus on how the Bible is put together, how we got it, how it is all connected, and the background involved in the writing. We will meet in the ladies' Sunday school classroom at the church at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday evening we will begin an Inquiry Study based upon open questions about the Bible. Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through Scripture and can be emailed, called in, asked in person, or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Join us Thursday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary to hear Christian entertainer Mark Lowry, the Martins singing group and singer Jason Crabb. Tickets may be purchased in advance in the FBC office.

Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:50 and we are excited to come together in praise of God for the fruitful mission trips, children and youth camps, and for the safe return of all involved. Come and be blessed as Dr. Ladd Hoffman delivers the sermon. Sunday school groups gather at 9:30, with children's classes meeting on the first floor, and youth and adults on the second floor. Greeters are happy to help you find your class, so come early for coffee and to get acquainted.

Wednesday, July 30, there will be a youth pool party from 6-8:30 p.m.; call 267-8223 for more information. Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini will take a group to Rock the Desert Aug. 7-9; tickets can be purchased in advance or at the gate. Contact Jonathan at 267-8223 for details; all area youth are invited.

School supplies are being gathered for distribution through the Mission Center. Sunday, Aug. 3 will be the last day for receiving donated school supplies. Bring your gift of supplies to the church, and place them on the tables inside the west doors.

Our children's Summerama program continues each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Call the church at 267-8223 for additional information.

Now is the time to reserve a fall space for your little one in our Mother's Day Out program. Contact Tracy Boeker at tboeker90@gmail.com for details.

Let us cook for you Wednesday evenings, as a meal is served from 5-6 in the Family Life Center. Activities follow for all ages; go to fbcbigspring.org for schedule specifics. Join us July 30 for chicken spaghetti.

Listening to the news reminds us all of the scary and uncertain world we live in, but as believers we know His love and mercy are unchanging and will always triumph over evil chaos. Come and let us share this enduring hope with you. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Youth will be meeting for Bible Study on Sunday, at 5 p.m. at the church. All youth who will begin 6th grade this fall through those who just graduated this spring are invited. For more info, contact Clint Bratcher.

Our Boy Scout Troop is collecting school supplies as well as underwear and socks for elementary school students. School supplies will be given to those students who may not be able to afford to buy them and the underwear and socks will be taken to school nurses to have on hand if needed.

We will be meeting at Spring Town Plaza on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for the next few weeks to get the portion of the mall to be used as our new church home ready for renovation. All help is welcome and appreciated. Children's activities will



resume the Wednesday after school starts.

The Big Spring Christian Academy is opening a Preschool in September. It will start out as a two-day a week preschool and eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months thru 4 years old. Times will be 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, go to www.bscapreschool.org. The BSCA Preschool is selling candles to help raise funds for supplies. Check out their display at the ministry table in the back of the worship area.

You can now listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-
9:15-10:15 a.m., Sunday school/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m., "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-12 p.m., Worship Service

Tuesday-
12-2, Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza
12:00 noon- Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza

Wednesday-
5:30 p.m., Meet at Spring Town Plaza for Clean-up Teams

Friday-
7-8 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.

Saturday-
7:30 a.m., Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

10:00 a.m., "Sewing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. The Chancel Choir rehearsal, which is usually at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, will resume meeting July 30.

Dianne Pippins is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. John Ferguson is lay lector for the month.

The lectionary for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. Elder Buddy Cochran, who has been attending the presbytery lay pastor training, will deliver the sermon. The choir will still be on vacation, but soprano Margarita Duran-Hollis and tenor Gabriel Duran-Hollis will present a duet of "Panis Angeli-

cus" by Cesar Franck during the worship service.

Our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 a.m. beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org.

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Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. The Adult Bible

Class is watching a Lutheran Hour Ministry video titled "The Intersection of Church & State." Our youth

are studying different Bible stories, activities and crafts.

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew will preach on Matthew 13:44. The title of his sermon is "Filthy Treasures."

Our Wednesday night bible study will continue in the fall.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to

106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church is inviting everyone to meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the church fellowship hall, 6200 S. Service Rd. At that time, we will have prayer for our country, our community, our families. We pray to see each of you there. Let us join together and take a stand by kneeling.

We would love to have you visit Midway Baptist. Sunday school classes start at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship at 11, Cross Training Youth at 5 p.m. and evening worship at 6. Wednesday we have Wednesday Night Kids at 6, Midway Solid Rock Youth at 6 and Wednesday night worship at 6:30.

Our pastor is Jim Binnix.

Church Women United

Church Women United will be hosting their least coin meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday at Baker's Chapel, 911 N. Lancaster.

Expected speaker is Minister Trish Clemons. Everyone is invited to come and fellowship — and don't forget to bring any loose coins you may have laying around.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Classic worship gathers at 8:30 a.m. and our blended worship is at 10:50 a.m. Both services meet in the Sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m. A nursery is provided for Sunday school and the 10:50 a.m. worship service. The 10:50 a.m. service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins is continuing a message series entitled "Glow in the Dark." As Christians, we're called to reflect the light of Christ - to "Glow in the Dark." As we reflect the light of Christ, we can have the kind of influence on those around us that will lead them to the One who is the true Light, Jesus Christ.

Sunday's message is entitled "Spiritual Admonition" and is taken from Titus 1:10-16.

While our Celebration Choir is on its summer break, special music is being provided by various members of the congregation. This Sunday, Larry

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Did you ever wonder?

Noah

Let's talk about Noah. Did you ever wonder why God chose Noah from all the people on Earth? Did you ever wonder why the Flood happened?

There was a tradition passed from Adam to his descendants that the curse on the earth would be in effect only during Adam's lifetime. Noah was the first son born after Adam's death. His name literally means, "He will bring us rest (relief) from



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the toil of our hands." Scratching a living from the ground must have truly meant 'toil.' Remember God's curse of the ground because of Adam's sin was, "Thorns and thistles will it sprout for you....By the sweat of your brow shall you eat bread until you return to the ground, from which you were taken."

People were expecting Noah to save them from a life of extremely hard work. Tradition says that Noah invented farming tools (maybe a hoe and an ox-drawn plow instead of just a stick); so he probably did make their lives easier. But with the leisure time this afforded them, they did not worship God or thank Him. They spent their leisure time for their own pleasure, always becoming more evil in the eyes of God.

Among all the people on earth, God found Noah to be righteous. Noah walked with God while everyone around him became corrupt, with immorality, idolatry and robbery.

Think for a minute how these people must have treated Noah. People who know they are doing wrong do not like to be reminded by someone who is visibly trying to worship the God of the Universe. I can visualize Noah being ignored, shunned, even harassed.

Tradition says that it took Noah 120 years to build the Ark. When curious people asked why Noah was cutting down trees, making lumber and working on the Ark for so long, he would answer, "God is about to bring a flood on the world because of your sins."

It is very interesting that during all the years God watched the people becoming more and more evil,

more disrespectful to Him, God speaks of Himself as "Hashem" which is His name of Mercy. When God says He is going to destroy mankind, He speaks of himself as "Elohim," His name meaning Justice. This shows me that if we turn to Him and change our evil ways, He will be merciful right up until the time that He makes His judgment. At that time, it is too late to change when you see judgment coming on others.

Another thing to notice is that when Noah, his sons and their wives, and all the animals were inside the Ark, with the flood waters rising, "Hashem" himself shut the door.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Thiebeault will sing "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" asw the Call to Worship. Ann Gann will also sing "Go Light Your World."

Following the 10:50 a.m. worship service Sunday, there will be a farewell reception for Anna Gann in Garrett Hall. This Sunday will be her last with us as our music minister as she prepares to move with her family to the Dallas area.

Wednesday at Noon Bible Study, Pastor Ivins will continue a series entitled "Confronting the Controversies." The next study is entitled "Are We Really Saved by Grace Alone through Faith Alone?"

Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets in Garrett Hall. A meal is served for a small fee beginning at 11:50 a.m. The study concludes at 12:50 p.m. The public is invited.

On July 24, members of our church family departed for a two-week mission trip to Congo. Members of the team from First Methodist include Derrell and Sandy Patterson and Murray and Diane Murphy. Please keep them in prayer until they return on August 5.

Throughout the rest of the summer, First United Methodist Church will be collecting items in order to assist with the needs of immigrant children along the Texas/Mexico border. Among the items we're collecting are children's sneakers and undergarments. All items must be new and can be dropped off at the church office.

For more information about any activity at First United Methodist Church, please visit our website at fumbcs.com or phone 267-6394.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie invite you to worship services at 2 p.m. Sunday. For additional information about this growing congregation, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700.

He accepted the devil's offer

Last week I stood on a mountain peak in the Alps, an area referred to as Obersalzberg. Stretching out before me, in the valley below,

was the historic city of Salzburg. Nearby, nestled in another valley, lay Berchtesgaden and Koingsee. I stood over a small square stone. One side marked the boundary of Germany. The other side marked the boundary of Austria.

As I scanned the landscape that fell away beneath my feet in the shrouded distance, I felt as if I could see forever, that I might be standing on the top of the

world. It was an impressive sight.

Standing at this awe inspiring spot, I was reminded of the Scripture that tells of Jesus' temptation. He was taken to a similar high point where the nations of the world seemed to stretch out at his feet. It was there that the devil made his offer, "All these things will I give you if you bow down and worship me." Jesus answered him, "Be gone Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only." (Matthew 4:9-10).

On the mountain cliffs, not far away, I could see the outline of a building. The Kelsteinhaus, more commonly known as the Eagles Nest, a home built as a gift for Adolf Hitler on his 50th birthday. It is reported that Hitler seldom came to the Kelsteinhaus. But it was in this region, in the mountains above Berchstergaden

and Salsburg, that Hitler completed his writing of Mein Kampf, the massive document that outlined his beliefs and his plans. His quest for world domination varied very little from what he included in that early manuscript.

In 1942 Hitler said, "There are so many links between Obersalzberg and me. So many things were born there ... I spent there the finest hours of my life ... It was there that all my great projects were conceived and ripened." The outcome is well documented in history. He would follow an agenda of manipulation, force, war, terror, brutality and racism. His agenda left in its wake more than 6 million murdered Jews and at least another 50 million dead worldwide.

Almost a century ago, in 1925, Adolph Hitler looked off into the awe inspiring distance from this same

mountain vista and experienced a similar temptation to the temptation Jesus faced. Unlike Jesus, he accepted the devil's offer.

In a way, every man and woman must make a similar choice. We may face the temptation in our work, our schools, our government and our homes. We are tempted to enforce our own will upon those around us by duplicity and deceit, by force, anger and violence. We are tempted to arrogance, self-will and prejudice. We all must choose whether we will bow down to the power of darkness (Col. 1:13), the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), or whether we will choose, as Jesus did, to worship the Lord our God and serve Him only.

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BILL TINSLEY

Pastor retires for six hours, then returns to pulpit

Kerrville Daily Times

CENTER POINT — The Rev. Bill Johnson retired from his role as senior pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church — and then, six hours later, he officially came out of retirement and took his place behind the pulpit of Center Point United Methodist Church.

"I had requested retirement in February, but when it became apparent that (the

Rev.) Adam Knapp and his wife were going to move, they called and asked if I'd be interested, and I was," Johnson said. "I officially retired 9 a.m. June 14 and accepted the appointment at 3 p.m. that same day."

For Johnson, a former high school coach in South Texas, nothing is more fulfilling than serving as "God's quarterback."

"I was head football coach for 17 years and a head track coach for 21 years," said Williams, who worked at small schools throughout the South Texas region for 24 years before becoming a man of the cloth. "I find a lot of similarities between be-

ing a pastor and coaching — both are about helping people identify their gifts and skills and helping them hone them and encouraging them to use them."

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News in brief

Israeli aircraft strike 30 Gaza homes, kill senior militant, as Cabinet weighs next move

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli aircraft struck 30 houses in the Gaza Strip early Friday, killing a leader of the militant Islamic Jihad group and two of his sons, as Israel's Security Cabinet was to meet later in the day to decide whether to expand its operation or consider ideas for a cease-fire.

Israeli ground troops and Hamas gunmen fought intense battles in the north and center of the territory, Palestinian officials said.

The Israeli military said it hit 45 sites in Gaza, including what it said was a Hamas military command post, while Gaza militants continued to fire rockets at Israel, with one hitting an empty house.

On the 18th day of fighting, Israel's Security Cabinet was to convene later Friday to consider international cease-fire proposals, an Israeli defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deliberations were taking place behind closed doors.

One plan calls for a five-day humanitarian truce during which Israel and Hamas would negotiate new border arrangements for blockaded Gaza, said Hana Amireh, a senior Palestine Liberation Organization official in the West Bank, who is involved in cease-fire efforts.

Palestinian militant tunnel threat takes center stage in latest war with Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — A network of tunnels Palestinian militants have dug from Gaza to Israel — dubbed "lower Gaza" by the Israeli military — is taking center stage in the latest war between Hamas and Israel.

Gaza's Hamas rulers view them as a military game changer in its conflict with Israel. The Israeli military says the tunnels pose a serious threat and that destroying the sophisticated underground network is a key objective of its invasion of Gaza.

Israel has known about the tunnels for several years, but has been hard-pressed to find an effective way to block them. Now it is counting on its ground war to at least reduce the threat.

"Israel knew there was a problem with the tunnels, but it didn't internalize their significance," said Shlomo Brom, a retired Israeli general. "At any given moment, Hamas could send dozens of militants through separate tunnels to attack communities in Israel."

Gaza has two sets of tunnels — those reaching Egypt and those reaching Israel.

Ukraine reports overnight rebel attacks on border crossing, claims fire from Russian side

MOSCOW (AP) — The Ukrainian army on Friday claimed that soldiers came under artillery fire from the Russian side of the border overnight and were attacked by rebels in several other places in the restive east.

Ukrainian forces are trying to close in on the rebels, cutting them off from the border with Russia which Kiev believes is the source of arms and reinforcement. Moscow has vehemently denied a role in the conflict between pro-Russian separatists and government troops which has left more than 400 people dead and displaced tens of thousands.

In a statement on Friday, the headquarters of the government's military operation in the east listed at least seven locations where rebels attacked Ukrainian troops. They also claimed that attacks on two locations including a border crossing were supported by artillery fire from Russia.

Late on Thursday, Ukrainian troops entered the town of Lysychansk, which has been in rebel hands for several months, the military press office said. Rebels on Friday morning admitted in comments carried by Interfax that they had to flee the town which is 70 kilometers (45 miles) north-west of the regional capital Luhansk.

International observers from the Organization

for Security and Co-operation in Europe on Friday were traveling to inspect the wreckage of the downed Malaysia Airlines plane and to search for more bodies. Human remains are still being found at the crash site more than a week after the plane went down.

France sends soldiers to guard Air Algeria wreckage in Mali; black box found, no survivors

PARIS (AP) — French officials dispatched a military unit to secure the site in restive northern Mali where an Air Algeria plane crashed with the loss of 116 people. France's interior minister said Friday that terrorism cannot be excluded as a cause for the tragedy, though it was likely due to bad weather.

French president Francois Hollande announced Friday that there were no survivors in the crash of the MD-83 aircraft, owned by Spanish company Swiftair and leased by Algeria's flagship carrier, which disappeared from radar less than an hour after it took off early Thursday from Burkina Faso's capital, Ouagadougou, for Algiers. The plane had requested permission to change course due to bad weather.

Speaking after a crisis meeting, Hollande also announced that one of the aircraft's two black boxes has been found in the wreckage, in the Gossi region near the border with Burkina Faso. It is being taken to the northern Mali city of Gao.

A French Reaper drone based in Niger spotted the wreckage, French Transport Minister Frederic Cuvillier told France-Info radio on Friday. Two helicopter teams also overflew, noting that the wreckage was in a concentrated area. A column of soldiers in some 30 vehicles were dispatched to the site, he said.

Central American leaders to meet with Obama over influx of young migrants at US-Mexico border

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is summoning Central American leaders to the White House to discuss the influx of young immigrants from their countries to the U.S., hoping to show presidential action even as Congress remains deeply split over proposals to stem the crisis on the border.

The meeting comes as the administration is considering creating a pilot program giving refugee status to young people from Honduras, White House officials said Thursday. The plan would involve screening youths in their home country to determine whether they qualify for refugee status. The program would be limited and would start in Honduras but could be expanded to include other Central American countries.

Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina, speaking Thursday in Washington, said he hadn't heard about the plan but expected it to come up Friday. He said Central American nations have sought to pursue a unified approach. "We expect that the solution to this problem also is equal for the three countries," he said.

Besides Molina, Obama was to host Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez and El Salvador's President Salvador Sanchez Ceren on Friday, the day after they met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill who are considering Obama's requests for emergency funds and additional authority to send unaccompanied children back to their home countries more quickly. Those lawmakers appear unlikely to resolve their differences on either front before leaving Washington late next week for their an-

nual August recess.

With critics claiming Obama's own policies triggered the crisis, the president has been eager to demonstrate an aggressive approach to reducing the flow of immigrants and returning those found not to have a legitimate claim to stay here.

Air travel a leap of faith, but people can take steps to be informed and follow safe habits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline travel requires passengers to make a leap of faith, entrusting their lives to pilots, airlines, air traffic controllers and others who regulate air travel.

Even after a week of multiple tragedies in worldwide aviation, "There isn't much that we can do to manipulate how we fly as passengers. But we also shouldn't worry too much," says Phil Derner, founder of the aviation enthusiast website NYC Aviation.

With one passenger plane being shot out of the sky and two crashing during storms, aviation experts said there was no pattern suggesting a huge gap in airline safety measures.

"One of things that makes me feel better when we look at these events is that if they all were the same type event or same root cause. Then you would say there's a systemic problem here, but each event is unique," said Jon Beatty, president and CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation, an airline industry-supported nonprofit in Alexandria, Virginia, that promotes global aviation safety.

Less than 1 in 2 million flights last year ended in an accident that damaged a plane beyond repair, according to the International Air Transport Association. The statistic includes accidents involving cargo and charter airlines in its data as well as scheduled passenger airline flights. This week's aviation disasters have the potential to push airline fatalities this year to over 700 deaths — the most since 2010. And 2014 is still barely half over.

Authorities seek motive for gunfight between patient, psychiatrist at hospital

DARBY, Pa. (AP) — Authorities are attempting to determine why a patient fatally shot a caseworker at a suburban Philadelphia hospital complex and whether a psychiatrist who pulled out his own gun and wounded the patient had concerns about him.

The psychiatrist, Dr. Lee Silverman, was grazed in the temple during the gunfight in his office Thursday afternoon with patient Richard Plotts, said Delaware District Attorney Jack Whelan.

"We do believe that there were some issues between the doctor and the patient, but whether or not he actually feared him is unclear," Whelan said.

The prosecutor identified the caseworker killed at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital as Theresa Hunt, 53, of Philadelphia.

Hunt had accompanied Plotts to an appointment with Silverman at a psychiatric crisis center adjacent to the hospital in Darby, just southwest of Philadelphia, authorities said.



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Romo happy to spend hours nursing back

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Tony Romo paused to add up how long it took to coddle his surgically repaired back on the first day of training camp.

The final tally for the 34-year-old Dallas Cowboys quarterback was about four hours.

Romo isn't worried about getting hit. He thinks he can play several more years, even joking Thursday that he'll still be taking snaps when he's 45.

But he knows he will have to alter his routine significantly after a season-saving win at Washing-

ton led to back surgery that forced him out of a loss in a playoff-or-bust finale against Philadelphia.

Romo said he spent about 2 1/2 hours before the first full practice on stretching and other work on his back, and he anticipated at least another hour or so before he went to bed.

The extra care probably won't take that long all the time, but there will be at least a little something every day.

"That's what I have to do and I have no problem doing that," Romo said. "I love the game and it's going to be something

that's easy to do to make sure that you're always in good health."

The Cowboys are easing into the practice routine to try to cut down on injuries, mostly hamstring problems that have plagued the team the past two years. Not only did they skip most of the offense-on-defense work in the first full practice, but Romo shut down the throwing long before the practice was over.

"It's not to save the arm," Romo said. "I am excited about going full go shortly. We'll go up against the defense in a day or two and I am ex-

cited to be out there and rip them a little bit."

And Romo is thinking about more than just being healthy. He's going into his eighth full season as the starter talking his future rather than his past.

"I've said it before but I think over the course of the next four or five years, you'll see the best version of me that I've had throughout my career," Romo said. "That's for a lot of different reasons. As my body continues to get healthier and healthier, it's going to be better."

The Cowboys will need

a healthy Romo if they want to end a rare four-year playoff drought. The last three of those ended with losses to NFC East rivals when Dallas had a chance to make the playoffs.

And the most recent one ended with Romo watching from home just two days after back surgery.

Tightend Jason Witten, a high draft pick for Dallas the same year Romo signed as an undrafted free agent in 2003, never doubted Romo would be back in charge. And Romo's favorite target isn't thinking about his quarterback being one hard

hit away from more back trouble.

"I am not curious to see. I know what the guy is made of," Witten said. "I don't think any of us are looking at this and saying we have to protect him because he's fragile. He's better than he's been because he's taken care of that."

Even though the throws were limited, there wasn't any question that Romo was the first-team quarterback in camp drills after that role was filled by backup Brandon Weeden while Romo worked back into shape during the offseason.

L.A. Clippers' bizarre court case nears close

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The bizarre battle over the fate of the Los Angeles Clippers goes to a judge Monday and he may not have the final word on the dispute.

The story has taken one strange turn after another since a recording surfaced of team owner Donald Sterling dressing down his young girlfriend for bringing black men to Clippers games. The viral audio spurred the NBA to ban Sterling for life and fine him \$2.5 million.

In the aftermath, his estranged wife of 58 years, Shelly Sterling, took control of a family trust and negotiated a record \$2 billion sale of the team to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer. With her husband contesting the deal, she went to Los Angeles County Superior Court to clear the way for the sale.

The key issue in probate court is whether Donald Sterling killed the deal by revoking the trust after his wife removed him as a trustee.

Shelly Sterling acted after doctors found the 80-year-old billionaire had symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. A trustee can be removed if two doctors determine he or she is unable to manage their affairs.

However, the trust is also revocable, and Donald Sterling moved to break it about a week after his wife cut the deal with Ballmer. His action undid the sale and the case shouldn't be in

probate court.

Judge Michael Levnas was so clear that he "could decide this case in five minutes," but testimony has dragged out over two weeks.

He scheduled closing arguments Monday.

Shelly Sterling said she was initially given her husband's blessing to sell the team and he praised the deal she reached.

When it came time to sign it at the end of May, however, Sterling said he would not sell and would sue the league.

"He started screaming and cursing at me," Shelly Sterling testified.

Donald Sterling testified that he offered to let his wife negotiate the sale because he believed she would retain an interest in the team.

Shelly Sterling's lawyers argue that if her husband blocks the sale, it will hurt the family trust because there won't be another offer as good as Ballmer's, which is a record for an NBA team.

Donald Sterling said he can top the Ballmer offer by \$10 billion by selling TV rights and winning an antitrust suit against the NBA.

Sterling eventually apologized publicly for the recording and said he was not a racist. Then he made matters worse by insulting Magic Johnson by saying he was a bad role model for kids because he had contracted HIV.

BSHS volleyball skills camp slated for July 28

The summer sports camp season will officially get under way in the Crossroads on July 28 when Big Spring ISD hosts its annual volleyball skills camp in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

The camp, which is open to all athletes in grades 3-9, will run through July 31. The camp is divided into three grade divisions and will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

According to camp information, athletes in grades 3-5 will attend

the camp from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Campers in grades 6-8 will participate from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Freshmen will attend the camp from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

The cost for the camp is \$25 per person. A T-shirt can also be purchased for \$10. No checks will be accepted as a method of payment.

Campers attending the skills camp will need to inform instructors of any physical problems they may have prior to participating in the event.

McCarthy, Yankees run past Texas for 6th win in 7 games

NEW YORK (AP) — Brandon McCarthy and Chase Headley are quickly putting their stamp on a playoff surge for the New York Yankees.

Acquired earlier this month from NL West also-rans, they teamed up Thursday to help the Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 4-2. McCarthy threw six more solid innings, Headley delivered another timely hit and New York won for the sixth time in seven games.

"From the beginning of spring training, it's about giving yourself a chance in the postseason," said Headley, obtained this week in a trade with San Diego.

"What an opportunity for me," he said. "I take it as an honor and privilege to be here."

McCarthy improved to 2-0 with a 1.45 ERA in three starts since the Yankees got him from Arizona. He was 3-10 with a 5.01 ERA at the time of the trade.

"I really felt I wanted more pressure," he said. "It's ramped up all the way. I feel like I've responded."

"It's the opposite of how I felt earlier in this year. I was a burden on the team and holding

things up," he said.

With the Yankees, the newcomers are now in the thick of the race for the AL East crown and the wild-card spots.

"When you go out and get players that produce, it's a lift for your team," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

Texas fell to 3-17 in July and dropped 22 games under .500 for the first time since the final week of the 1988 season.

"Right now, we're just not getting it done," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

McCarthy limited Texas to one run and four hits in six innings. He struck out five, and fanned Alex Rios to finish off an 11-pitch at-bat that ended the first inning.

Rios almost got even in the eighth with Texas trailing 3-2, hitting a drive off All-Star reliever Dellin Betances that was caught on the warning track in right field.

David Robertson pitched the ninth for his 25th save in 27 chances.

Colby Lewis (6-8) gave up three runs and four hits in 6 1-3 innings. He took the loss, but kept his composure — in his previous start, he got rankled

when Toronto's Colby Rasmus bunted for a two-out single midway through the game.

There were no problems with the field at Yankee Stadium, either. New York won 2-1 Wednesday night when a sudden, heavy storm prevented the grounds crew from quickly putting the tarp down in the fifth inning. The rain stopped soon enough, but the field was too wet to continue.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the third on an RBI single by Elvis Andrus.

Brett Gardner doubled in the fourth and scored on Headley's two-out single off the right-field wall. Headley was acquired from the Padres on Tuesday and beat Texas that night with a single in the 14th inning.

Francisco Cervelli hit a go-ahead double in the fifth and later scored when left fielder Shin-Soo Choo made a fine running catch on Gardner's sacrifice fly for a 3-1 lead. Earlier, Rangers center fielder Leonys Martin ran way back to grab Ichiro Suzuki's drive.

J.P. Arencibia homered in the Texas seventh. Brian McCann had an RBI double in the New York eighth.

Texas adds Jerome Williams after loss to Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — The Texas Rangers are using pitchers at such a dizzying rate this season that it's becoming a challenge for manager Ron Washington to keep track of them all.

So what about a fresh scouting report on Friday night's starter? Did the team provide any advance word on

the new guy?

"Naw, nothing," Washington said after the New York Yankees beat Texas 4-2 Thursday.

Following its latest loss, the club with the worst record in the majors announced it would add right-hander Jerome Williams and start him in the

series opener at home against AL West-leading Oakland.

"We signed him, he's ready to go. We'll take a look at him tomorrow and see if he can help us," Washington said.

"I know Jerome Williams, faced him enough times to know what he's capable of.

We'll see what he has to offer," he said.

Colby Lewis (6-8) kept the Rangers close, but there was a familiar result.

Texas fell to 3-17 in July and dropped 22 games under .500 for the first time since the final week of the 1988 season.

Carter homers in Astros' 13-1 loss to A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Astros first baseman Chris Carter remained one of the hottest hitters in the AL this month after homering against his former team.

The rest of Houston's lineup managed just five hits — all singles — and the pitching wasn't much better.

Carter hit his 20th home run, providing the lone bright spot in the Astros' 13-1 loss to the Oakland Athletics on Thursday.

The Houston first baseman is hitting .323 with six home runs and 15

RBI's in July.

"It's just good to have success against them," said Carter, who spent his first three seasons in Oakland. "Last year they beat up on us pretty good. I think the next following years we'll be better and it'll be more of a battle between us."

The Astros' second straight loss to the division-leading A's wasn't even close.

Brandon Moss hit a grand slam and Jed Lowrie had three hits to support starter Jeff Samardzija.

Samardzija (2-1) gave

up a leadoff single to Jose Altuve and then retired 10 straight before Carter's home run on a first-pitch fastball with one out in the fourth. Samardzija did not walk a batter, struck out six and retired 12 of 13 following Carter's blast.

"The reason they went out and got Samardzija is because he could give them games like he gave them today," Houston manager Bo Porter said. "(He) gave them eight strong innings and pretty much had complete command of the game."

Scott Feldman (4-8) lost

his straight start, lasting 5 1-3 innings. He allowed six runs on nine hits, walking five and striking out four.

Feldman allowed at least six runs for just the third time this season but for the second time in three starts. He's allowed 16 runs on 27 hits over his last 17 2-3 innings.

"It was a battle for him all day," Porter said. "Early in the game he really had his breaking ball working, and they started laying off and made him come back into the zone."

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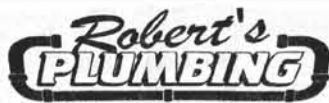
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I recognize that there are individual interests here. But the additional problem is which facility my father goes to. Two are close to all of us. But my brother and sister want to move Dad into an independent living facility we visited three years ago that does not include an assisted living option and is farther away.

I do not want a confrontation, just a fair

Dear Annie: I have two siblings with whom I have shared most everything. Now that my dad is slipping mentally and physically, we have decided to sell his home and move him into a memory care facility.

My two siblings simply ignored my recommendation that we give the listing to our real estate agent. Annie, within the past 15 years, my wife and I have sold three homes and purchased two through our very capable Realtor, while my siblings have not been in the housing market for 20 years. Instead, my brother wants his newly licensed Realtor friend to sell the house, even though she has never sold one. My sister wants her son-in-law, who recently graduated college and works at his mother's real estate firm, to handle the sale.

shake for our beloved father, but I am afraid I have no input. Any suggestions? -- *Under the Table in Indiana*

Dear Indiana: Is there an unbiased friend or relative who would act as a mediator? It might help for you and your siblings to be in the same room discussing these options with someone whose opinion all of you trust and respect. Before this situation produces resentment and finger pointing, please ask your siblings to consider this option to avoid ill will down the road.

Dear Annie: I am a woman in my 50s, and I used to have bad acne. My skin is mainly cleared up, but I'm left with rough patches and brown spots. I try to conceal it with makeup, but several times a day, I catch someone staring at my skin. Their eyes immediately turn away when I see them looking, but the embarrassment is deep.

I don't wear much makeup, just a tinted moisturizer, as I don't want a mask. I've tried more coverage, and people still look. I realize they aren't trying to be mean. They can't help themselves. My own children have done it. It has made me reclusive, and I only like to go out when it's night and the lights are dim.

I can't afford a chemical peel. Please tell me what I can say to these people or whether I should just try to ignore it. -- *Ashamed*

Dear Ashamed: There is no reason to be ashamed of your face. You already know that people aren't trying to be cruel, so it would help if you could accept your face as

it is. What do you care what strangers think of your skin? If you want better coverage, you can find Dermablend at most cosmetic counters. You also can ask for assistance there and at makeup specialty stores. And please make an appointment with a dermatologist to see what other remedies are available in your price range.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Different Gods," who is pagan and doesn't want to celebrate Christmas with her boyfriend's parents. I believe she is showing a lack of respect.

My stepfather married my mother when we were adults. He was Jewish, and we are Christian. Every year, he purchased Christmas gifts for everyone and participated in Christmas dinner. We also helped him celebrate Hanukkah by lighting the candles and eating traditional Jewish foods.

We didn't have to believe in each other's traditions. It is a sign of respect to participate. Going to church and praying are not necessary. Compromising is more than just showing up. -- *Respectful of All*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The game is long, with many matches. Champions keep going until they win. Tonight, as you acknowledge a loved one's contribution, this person will turn around and give you more than before.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Any investment that makes your environment healthier and more beautiful has numerous benefits. Also note that if you feel good while you're working, you'll make more money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The thing to credit for some of your friendships is vicinity. Would you be friends if you weren't right next to each other so much of the time? The fact is: You are friends, and you're making the best of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Humbleness has its place, and you intuitively know when and where that is. That's why you'll be taught a valuable lesson, and it won't even have to cause you pain or inconvenience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a traditional approach that will likely solve today's problem, but you won't take that one. That one seems too easy. Instead, you'll look at several different approaches and come up with a blend that's all you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Between the emotional weather and the actual weather, you'll be dealing with the elements. Tonight: Embrace formality. Dress up. You add the glamour

that's needed to make ordinary happenings seem magical.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be proactive. Self-assigned tasks are lucky for your confidence and, later, for your bank account. Also, discuss the financial end of a deal upfront to avoid wasting time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know how to have a good time, and the others will follow your lead. As for the grumpy ones, you simply don't have the energy to give them these days. Gracefully duck out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are aspects of adulthood that make you feel very alone in the world, but luckily you consider solitude to be a natural and tolerable state. Being able to stand as one is a key part of being a mature human.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Tonight, someone needs your compassion and your instruction, too. You've just completed the lesson this person is about to begin. Being a guide will reinforce all you've learned.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 25). This year brings demanding standards, which you rise to fulfill. Relationships thrive as you grow in spiritual generosity. August rewards tenacity. The breakthrough will happen just after you've been tempted to give up, but instead you persevere. Family grows in September. Financially, October, May and June are the best months. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 33, 25, 1 and 14.

built through steady gains. So don't try too hard in the opening stages. Pace yourself. **GEMINI:** Embrace what's going on now, and your romantic future could come along this afternoon instead of next year. **CANCER:** The best relationships grow naturally because you're so engaged in the world around you. **LEO:** Love doesn't envy, nor does it boast. **VIRGO:** You feel you're competing with another for the attention of your love or potential love, and that's because you are! What kind of game will you play? **LIBRA:** Love manifests in thought, word and action. When it doesn't, it's not love. **SCORPIO:** You're true to who you are, and anyone who doesn't like that doesn't have to. **SAGITTARIUS:** Don't put contingencies on your dating life. Have fun now, just as you are. **CAPRICORN:** Lead with that playful curiosity -- it's so attractive! Also, don't believe all you're told. **AQUARIUS:** Clear boundaries are an important part of every relationship. **PISCES:** Love yourself first. That's the only way it will work out.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The sun newly in Leo and the new moon in Leo make the attraction between cats absolutely irresistible. It's true that two Leos in one relationship can be a bit much -- these two both need lots of attention, as they are performers at heart. But the good news is that they're also extremely generous audience members when it's not their turn. As long as they recognize when to trade off, they're fine!

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Mars in Scorpio

Mars will bust a move out of the diplomatic realm of Libra (which wasn't the easiest placement for such an aggressive planet) and into the straightforward realm of Scorpio (a more comfortable fit for the scorpion). Also, it's the eve of the Leo new moon and a perfect time to start thinking about how you'd like to be perceived in the weeks to come.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The children in your life will remind you to stay playful. This leads to a series of actions and reactions. By the end, you'll see how you've shaken things up and blown the minds of some who thought they knew you well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You usually try to see things from the other person's point of view before you jump to a conclusion. You validate people around you, and so they are crazy about you. Can you blame them?



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trumps.

2. To give yourself the best chance for the contract, say a silent prayer and then bravely go up with dummy's king of hearts! Playing the king instead of the five from this combination is certainly unusual. If your sole purpose was to ensure a heart trick, you could easily accomplish it by playing low from dummy. Sooner or later you'd score a heart trick regardless of where the ace or queen was located.

But here the problem is to make three notrump, and assuring a heart trick is not the primary consideration. And to make three notrump, you need to get to dummy to take a club finesse. It's true that if the king loses to the ace, you'll be in terrible trouble, but even so, the fact remains that playing the five is a give-up play. South would presumably produce a medium-sized heart or the queen, and with no entry to dummy for the club finesse, you'd be virtually conceding defeat.

If the king holds, though, your chances of getting home safely rise considerably. All you have to do now is to finesse the nine of clubs successfully. If it wins, you then lead the jack and repeat the finesse. This sequence of plays in the club suit will enable you to score four club tricks even if South has the K-x-x-x(x) of clubs, while leading the jack first will yield only three tricks against the same holding.

Tomorrow: That magic number 13.

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WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** With loved ones, you don't try very hard to prove a point, because if they are listening well, you don't have to. **TAURUS:** Relationships are all

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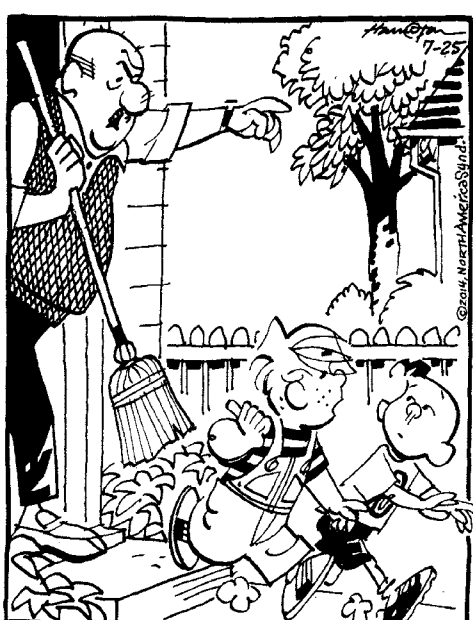
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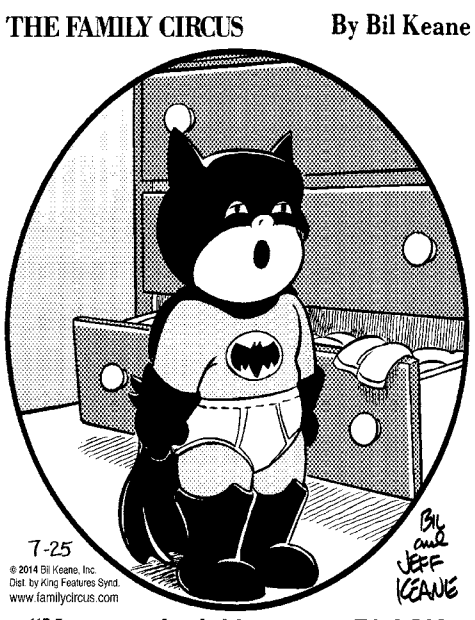
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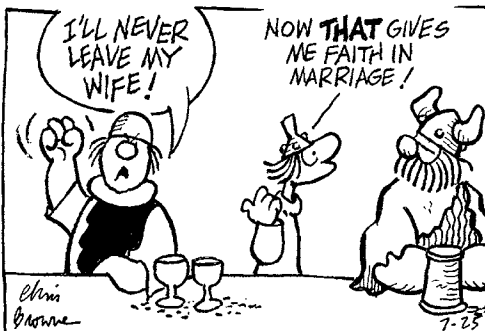
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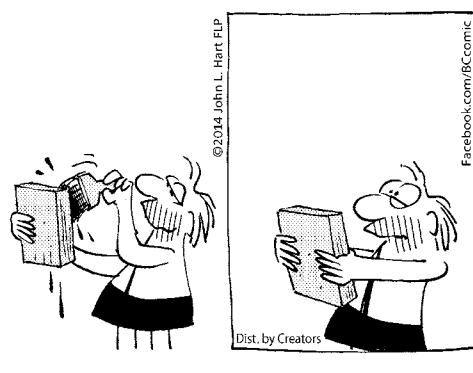
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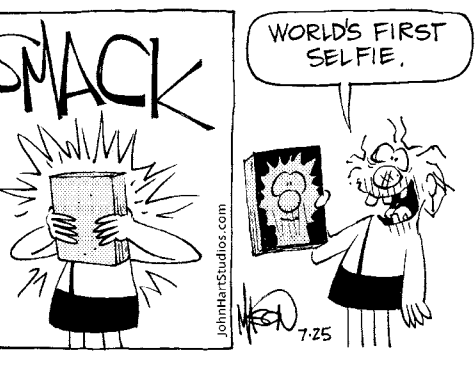
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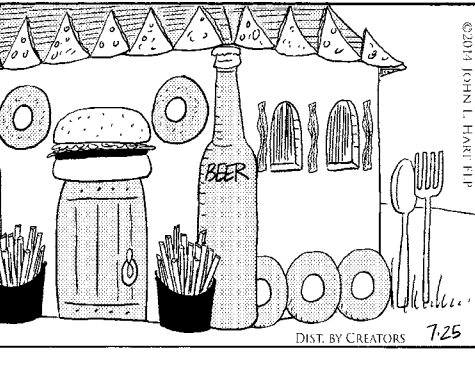
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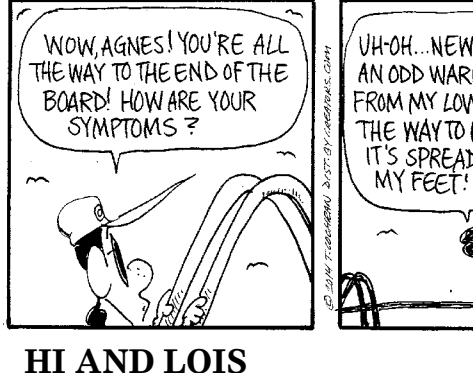
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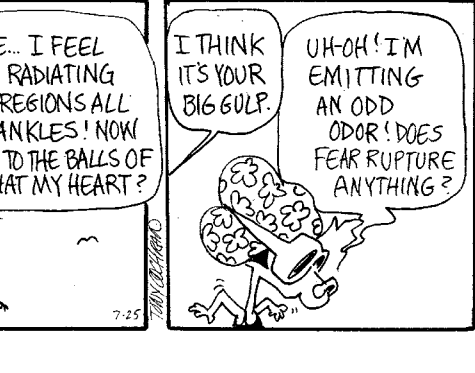
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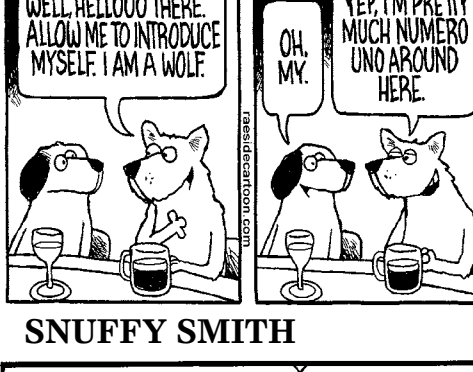
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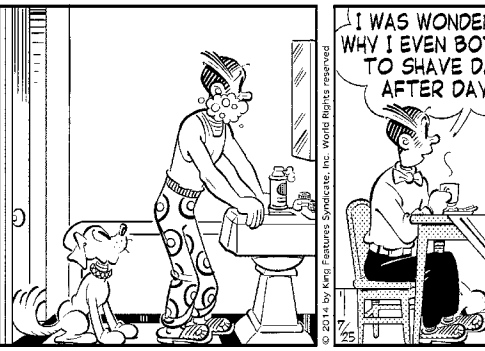
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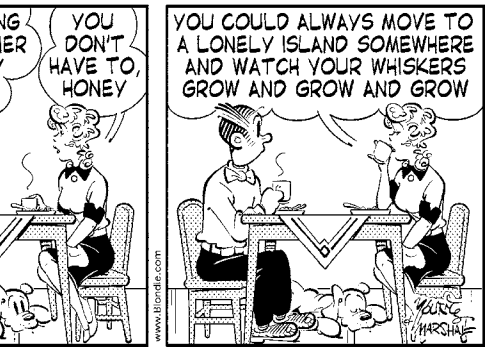
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Today is Friday, July 25, the 206th day of 2014. There are 159 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 25, 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein (hoo-SAYN') signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war. On this date: In 1554, Queen Mary I of England married Philip II, future King of Spain. In 1814, the Battle of

Lundy's Lane, one of the bloodiest battles of the War of 1812, took place in present-day Niagara Falls, Ontario, with no clear victor. In 1909, French aviator Louis Bleriot (bleh-ree-OH') became the first person to fly an airplane across the English Channel, traveling from Calais (kah-LAY') to Dover in 37 minutes. In 1934, Austrian Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss was assassinated by pro-Nazi Austrians in a failed coup attempt. In 1943, Benito Mus-solini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel

III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mus-solini was later rescued by the Nazis, and re-asserted his authority.) In 1944, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters recorded Cole Porter's "Don't Fence Me In" in Los Angeles for Decca Records. In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-govern-ing commonwealth of the United States.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Contest against
- 7 Type of phone book, for short
- 11 PGA measures
- 14 Socially smooth
- 15 Former WB sitcom
- 16 "Absolutment!"
- 17 Inadequate supply
- 18 Idolized image
- 19 Majorca Mrs.
- 20 Ambitious (?) advice, part 1
- 23 Unexpected
- 26 Supermarket department
- 27 Frozen dessert
- 28 Jaunty greeting
- 30 White House teen
- 33 Aromatherapy stock
- 34 Fruit-cup tidbit
- 36 Power to please
- 38 Three-way pipe
- 39 Advice, part 2
- 42 Shortest-name element
- 44 Cabinet department
- 45 Italian scooter
- 48 Participates, with "in"
- 50 Key West fare
- 52 Part of NIMBY
- 53 Brute
- 55 Two-purpose
- 57 Barnyard sound
- 58 Advice, part 3
- 62 Ad ___ (to the point)
- 63 Once more
- 64 Emotional ordeal
- 68 Ulla, in The Producers
- 69 Barrie barker

- DOWN
- 1 Ruminant feature
- 2 Assay sample
- 3 Upper-mgmt. aspirant
- 4 Source of cinnamon
- 5 Paid to be in
- 6 Snickers name
- 7 Belize's former name
- 8 Certain support person
- 9 High wind
- 10 Inn, informally
- 11 "Hare Trigger" villain
- 12 Long-lasting
- 13 Blue-eyed cat
- 21 Clinical-trial staple
- 22 Pooh pal
- 23 Bit of resistance
- 24 Fizzle out
- 25 "Do not go gentle . . ."
- 29 Time Warner spinoff of '09
- 31 Financial loss, so to speak
- 32 Decorative material
- 35 Nothing at all
- 37 Network launched in '81
- 40 "Wet/dry" buy
- 41 "I object!"
- 42 FAO Schwarz operator
- 43 Rio neighborhood
- 46 Old hand
- 47 Turmoil
- 49 "And your point is . . ."
- 51 Sign of gratitude
- 54 Gas in the stratosphere
- 56 Petrol-station stopper
- 59 Welsh form of John
- 60 Road curve
- 61 Do perfectly
- 65 Morale-boosting grp.
- 66 "All ___ are liars": Psalms
- 67 Coarse-mane beast

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Manning getting used to new faces on Broncos

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Though his physical condition is no longer a big question mark for Peyton Manning, when he looks around at training camp, he must feel like he's starting over again.

Manning lined up for his first snaps Thursday behind an offensive line that has been shuffled, in front of a running back who took only about 25 percent of the snaps last year and looking down the line at some pass catchers, who 12 months ago, were either bit players or playing somewhere else.

The quarterback who thrived on the familiarity of playing with the

same receivers — Reggie Wayne and Marvin Harrison — same tight end — Dallas Clark — and same running backs — either Edgerin James or Joseph Addai — year after year in Indianapolis, is now having to adjust to a revamped offensive roster to start his third year in Denver.

Bottom line: "Just because you did certain things last year means nothing as far as this upcoming season," Manning said. "I've always felt the NFL does not owe you anything."

But even by an NFL roster's constantly shuffling standards, the Broncos did some ma-

jeor reorganizing around their franchise quarterback — the 43-8 loss to Seattle in the Super Bowl exposing too many problems for the AFC champions to stand pat.

The line will be different with the return of Ryan Clady at left tackle and the shifting of Orlando Franklin, who had a poor Super Bowl, from right tackle to left guard. Montee Ball will replace Knowshon Moreno at running back.

Meanwhile, Emmanuel Sanders replaces Eric Decker at receiver. And just to accentuate the feel Thursday, former No. 5 receiver Andre Caldwell was getting

reps in place of Demaryius Thomas, who was excused to attend his grandmother's funeral.

"We're certainly looking for continuity and chemistry with the new players," Manning said. "Every year you have to establish that particular team's identity. We're in the process of doing that right now."

John Elway, who put this roster together, said he hopes part of the new identity will take some of the focus off Manning, much the same way he became less of a focal point in his final years, which produced his two Super Bowl wins.

"I think that we've got

to get to be where we're a complete football team," Elway said. "We can't rely on '18' to win it because he can't win it by himself."

While Elway was talking more about his off-season revamp of the defense, he has also been making plenty of moves to shore up the parts around Manning, who set records for yards (5,477) and touchdowns (55) last season and also won his fifth Most Valuable Player Award.

Ball, last year's second-round pick, is viewed as a long-term prospect at running back. The Broncos spent this year's second-round

pick on receiver Cody Latimer, in the hopes he'll be catching passes from Manning and his successor for years to come.

In practice Thursday, Manning looked out toward tight end Julius Thomas, the 6-foot-5, 250-pound pass catcher with whom the Broncos are hoping to sign a long-term contract extension.

"An important part of the team this year," Manning called him.

And a familiar one — something Manning almost certainly didn't think he'd be searching for this hard come Year 3 with the Broncos.

Lynch expected to hold out from Seahawks camp

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Marshawn Lynch isn't expected to be present for the first day of the Seattle Seahawks' training camp, close friend and former teammate Michael Robinson said Thursday.

Appearing on NFL Network, Robinson said he spoke with Lynch and Seattle's star running back plans to hold out of the camp that begins Friday.

"I really think he just wants his position in the organization and how they view him, he just wants that recalibrated a little bit," Robinson said on NFL Network. "He's been the face of the franchise, he's been the face of the organization."

At dispute is Lynch's contract. Lynch can make up to \$5.5 million this season in base pay and roster bonuses. It's the third year of a four-year contract Lynch signed with Seattle before the 2012 season.

Lynch nearly skipped June's mandatory minicamp because he wants the final two years of his contract reworked. He ultimately showed to avoid a hefty fine, but did not participate with what coach Pete Carroll said was an ankle issue. Lynch was not present for Seattle's organized team activities during the offseason.

Seattle's plan is to make sure Lynch is healthy for the season

opener against Green Bay on Sept. 4, which would mean a very light load of carries during training camp and the preseason.

Even though the Seahawks staff expressed during the offseason getting more carries for reserves Robert Turbin and Christine Michael, Carroll reiterated during minicamp that Seattle's run game begins with Lynch.

"We have rested him a lot in the offseason. He takes a big pounding during the year. It takes him a long time to get his body back to where he doesn't feel the rigors of the season that's past," Carroll said in June. "In this case it's unique but he is a unique player and he has a unique role on our football team, so we have to do what we have to do to take care of him."

Robinson said he believes that Lynch will eventually play this season.

"I think Marshawn will be playing football this year. I don't know how they're going to get it done, I don't know how they're going to make it work but that team is not the championship team that they can be without Beast Mode," Robinson said.

Lynch can be fined for missing training camp and he's shown the past being adverse to losing money via fines.

Cowboys' McClain misses start of camp

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Dallas linebacker Rolando McClain missed the start of training camp to return to Alabama for trial on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said McClain returned to his home state Wednesday, and the team was hopeful he would get back from Decatur, Alabama, in time for the

third day of camp workouts Saturday.

McClain's trial was set for Friday after a judge rejected a delay. McClain traveled with the team from Dallas to Oxnard, California, on Tuesday.

The Cowboys acquired the rights to McClain from Baltimore on July 1. He was the eighth overall pick by Oakland out of Alabama in 2010 but hasn't played since 2012.

Va. birthplace of Secretariat stages reunion of offspring

DOSWELL, Va. (AP) — A weekend thoroughbred horse show at the farm that produced Triple Crown great Secretariat will be an equine family reunion of sorts.

Organizers of the Thoroughbred Heritage Horse Show say 51 horses that are related to Secretariat

or other Meadow Farm champions will be featured at The Meadow Event Park in Caroline County. The show will open Friday and continue through Sunday.

Organizers say the gathering of thoroughbreds honors the legacy of Meadow Stable.

Chuck Knoblauch charged with assaulting his ex-wife

(AP) — Former baseball star Chuck Knoblauch has been charged with misdemeanor assault after authorities in Houston say he hit and pushed his ex-wife.

Knoblauch was released on \$10,000 bond. His first court date is set for July 30. The four-time All-Star previously served a year of probation after being convicted of hitting his previous wife in 2010.

His latest run-in with the law prompted the Twins to cancel Knoblauch's induction cer-

emony into the Twins Hall of Fame that was scheduled for Aug. 23.

Knoblauch also played for the New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals during a 12-year career.

He was set to be inducted into the Twins Hall of Fame in August. The Twins quickly canceled those plans on Thursday.

"There are no plans to reschedule," Twins President Dave St. Peter said. "I suppose over time this could be re-

visited, but at this time from the Twins' organization perspective, we currently have no intent to reschedule."

Knoblauch was an elite second baseman for the Twins from 1991-1997, a four-time All-Star, the AL Rookie of the Year in 1991 and a Gold Glove winner.

But Knoblauch's image in Minnesota took a serious hit in his final season here when he requested to be traded from a team that had fallen on hard times.

Griffin withdraws from team

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Blake Griffin has withdrawn from playing for the U.S. national basketball team this summer.

The Los Angeles Clippers star was one of 19 players selected to the roster from which the World Cup team will be chosen.

Griffin said Thursday that he wants to dedicate all his energy on improving and preparing for the upcoming NBA season.

Griffin joins Oklahoma City guard Russell Westbrook in not participating.



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